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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. KENNEDY AMENDMENT TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT EARMARKS A  
PERCENTAGE OF US VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE OAS FOR  
PURPOSE OF SUPPLEMENTING US ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION FOR  
BUDGETARY SUPPORT OF IAHC. FAA BECAME LAW ON JUNE 30.  
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WE ARE DRAFTING A NOTE TO SEC GEN ORFILA INFORMING OAS THAT  
OVER NEXT TWO YEARS APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 102,000 PER YEAR  
FROM U.S. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE FOR USE OF IAHC  
IN CARRYING OUT ITS MANDATE. WHILE SPECIFIC USE OF FUNDS

NOT OUR CONCERN, WORK OF IAHC HAS BEEN RESTRICTED BY TIGHT BUDGET AND OUR NOTE WILL SUGGEST THAT ITS PRIORITY NEEDS ARE OFFICE EQUIPMENT, SERVICES OF ONE FILE CLERK, TRAVEL/PER DIEM COMPENSATION, ETC. NOTE WILL MAKE STRONG POINT THAT KENNEDY AMENDMENT FUNDS ARE EARNEST OF US COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS ENDORSED BY VI OASGA AND ARE PROVIDED WITH HOPE OTHER MEMBER STATES WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO WORK OF IAHC.

2. WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE OTHER STATES WITH STRONG INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS TO MANIFEST SUPPORT FOR IAHC BY SIMILAR GESTURE. PRIME CANDIDATE IS VENEZUELA WHICH WAS LEADING ADVOCATE OF STRONG HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS AT SANTIAGO,

IS HOME OF IAHC CHAIRMAN AGUILAR AND CAN AFFORD SUCH A CONTRIBUTION. MEXICO SHOULD ALSO WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE ITS POSITIVE SUPPORT FOR CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. OTHER MEMBER STATES WHICH MIGHT CONTRIBUTE ARE COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, AND THREE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES.

3. SHOULD THESE FONOFFS SUGGEST THAT US CONTRIBUTION MAKES SUPERFLUOUS ANY FURTHER FUNDS FOR IAHC, YOU MIGHT POINT OUT THAT WHAT WE HOPE FOR IS PLEDGE. OAS REP IN MAKING STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR IAHC NEED NOT MENTION DATE AT WHICH ACTUAL FUNDS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. AT LEAST, WE WOULD HOPE THAT ACTION ADDRESSEES WOULD LEND SUPPORT TO US EFFORT AT EARMARKING VOLUNTARY FUNDS FOR IAHC IN EVENT MORE CONSERVATIVE STATES OPPOSE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

FOR CARACAS: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IF AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE WOULD TAKE EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO APPROACH FONMIN ESCOBAR, DESCRIBE ACTION WE ARE TAKING UNDER KENNEDY AMENDMENT AND SUGGEST THAT VENEZUELA SHOW STRENGTH OF ITS CONVICTIONS BY SIMILAR ACT.  
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FOR MEXICO: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE TAKING UP WITH FONMIN GARCIA ROBLES GENERAL QUESTION OF IMPROVING CLIMATE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, U.S. SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION AND CONCLUDE BY ENCOURAGING MEXICO TO CONTRIBUTE TO IAHC.

FOR BOGOTA, BRIDGETOWN, KINGSTON, SAN JOSE AND PORT OF SPAIN: PLEASE APPROACH FONOFF AT HIGH LEVEL TO DESCRIBE US SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO OAS HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT AND SUGGEST THAT DEMONSTRATION OF SUPPORT FOR IAHC BY OTHER CONCERNED MEMBER STATES WOULD BE EARNEST OF COMMITMENTS MADE AT SANTIAGO.

5. FOR INFO ADDRESSEES: IF IN YOUR JUDGMENT A DEMARCHE  
IN YOUR CAPITAL MIGHT PRODUCE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION OR  
OTHERWISE BE USEFUL IN DRAMATIZING OUR COMMITMENT TO  
FOLLOW THROUGH ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, FEEL FREE TO PROCEED,  
AT LEVEL YOU THINK BEST. ROBINSON

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